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Title: Method of Manufacturing a Heat Pipe Wick with Structural Enhancement

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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2006, Claims 10 - 13 and 17 - 19 were finally rejected. According to the Office, Claims 14 and 15 contain allowable subject matter, but were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Office stated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this Response and Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicants amend the claims to rewrite claims 14 and 15 in independent form as recommended by the Examiner, and cancel the remaining pending claims.

Amendment of Inventorship

Request: Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby request correction of inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), to delete the originally listed inventors named below.

Identification of Deleted Inventors:

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<u>Acknowledgement:</u> Applicants, though their undersigned attorney, acknowledge that the invention of the Deleted Inventors is no longer being claimed in the application due to amendment or cancellation of claims.

<u>Fee:</u> Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0131 for the necessary Processing Fee of \$130.00 according to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) for this amendment of inventorship.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (505-844-5626) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0131

Respectfully submitted,

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